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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Katsuhiko HIEDA, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2811  
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Serial No.: 09/469,190 ) Examiner: Vu, Hung K.  
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Filed: December 21, 1999 )  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
METHOD FOR )  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME )

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that Figs. 15 and 16 in the above-identified application be amended to add the legends "PRIOR ART" as indicated in red ink on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings.

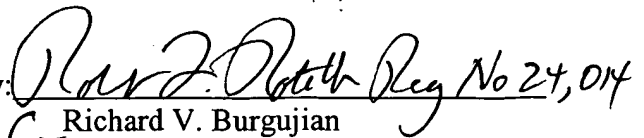
In the drawings, Applicants have amended Figs. 15 and 16 to include the term "PRIOR ART," as required by the Examiner.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, Applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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